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For: SENSOR FOR
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VASCULAR ACCESS BLOOD
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Sir:

Applicant hereby informs the Examiner that U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/750,076, filed December 29, 2000, U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/771,596, filed January 30, 2001, U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/750,122, filed December 29, 2000, U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/765,584, filed January 22, 2001, and U.S. Patents Nos. 5,351,686, 5,456,253, 6,181,958, and 6,246,894 are assigned to the same entity as the present patent application, and are believed to be classified in related technologies. It is suggested that the Examiner review these applications and these patents for possible relevance to the present application.

Also, submitted herewith on form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56. Copies of the documents are also being submitted.

Since the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the issuance of the first Office Action on the merits or within three months of filing, no fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 which may be required for consideration of this paper; or credit and overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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Applicants do not waive any rights to appropriate action to establish patentability over the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the present application.

RELEVANCE OF THE DOCUMENTS

Documents AA-AP, AR-AT, BA-BK, BR-BT, CA-CK, CR-CT, DA-DK, DR, DS, and EA-EJ were previously cited by or submitted to (1) the Patent and Trademark Office in one or more of prior U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/750,076, filed December 29, 2000, U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/771,596, filed January 30, 2001, U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/750,122, filed December 29, U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/765,584, filed January 22, 2001, and U.S. Patents Nos. 5,351,686, 5,456,253, 6,181,958, and 6,246,894; or (2) a foreign patent office in a foreign application corresponding to one or more of the prior or related patents or applications.

Document FS is discussed in the present application at page 4, and document FT is discussed in the present application at page 5.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and to similarly indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the attached documents have been considered.

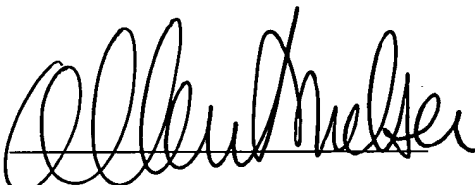
If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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